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SUBJECT: 33RD UNGA - US STRATEGY AND OBJECTIVES

REF: A) STATE 227274, B) STATE 225331, C) KUALA LUMPUR 9253

1. EMBOFF MET SEPT 9 WITH MISS TING WEN LIAN, MFA
PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR UN AFFAIRS, TO
PREVIEW FORTHCOMING UNGA SESSION. EMBOFF DREW
EXTENSIVELY ON TALKING POINTS PROVIDED REFTELS TO
OUTLINE USG POSITIONS ON KEY ISSUES. MISS TING
LISTENED ATTENTIVELY BUT RESERVED COMMENT ON MOST
OF THE SPECIFIC ISSUES AT HAND. SHE DID NOTE, HOW-
EVER, THAT THE GOM HAD NO RPT NO INDICATION KOREA
ISSUE WOULD ARISE AT THIS YEAR'S UNGA, A FACT WHICH
SHE INDICATED GOM LIKELIKE WELCOMED.

2. ON THE SUBJECT OF COUNTERING INTERNATIONAL
TERRORISM AND HIJACKING (REF A), MISS TING REITERATED
THAT GOM INTENDS TO SIGN AND RATIFY THE HAGUE,
MONTREAL AND TOKYO CONVENTIONS. HOWEVER, THE BONN
DECLARATION ON HIJACKING REQUIRES FURTHER STUDY
SINCE THE FACT IT DEALS WITH IMPOSING SANCTIONS ON
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OFFENDING NATIONS POSES "SENSITIVE" ISSUES FOR GOM.

3. COMMENT. WE ARE STAYING IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH MFA
ON THIS, SEEKING THEIR REACTIONS TO OUR POSITIONS
ON UNGA ISSUES, AS WELL AS IDENTIFICATION OF ISSUES
OF MOST INTEREST TO THEM AND THEIR POSITIONS ON THESE.
ON THE SUBJECT OF HIJACKING CONVENTIONS, MFA OFFICIALS

CONTINUE TO EMPHASIZE THAT THE POLITICAL WILXISTS TO ASSOCIATE WITH THE HAGUE, MONTREAL AND
TOKYO CONVENTIONS BUT THAT "BUREAUCRATIC" PROBLEMS
HAVE DELAYED THIS. ALTHOUGH THE GOM IS INDEED
CONCERNED ABOUT INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM WHICH
IT HAS EXPERIENCED FIRST HAND ITSELF, IT UNDOUBTEDLY
WANTS TO PROCEED CAUTIOUSLY BEFORE ASSOCIATING
ITSELF WITH A SANCTIONS MECHANISM THAT MIGHT BE
USED AGAINST FELLOW MUSLIM ARAB STATES ACCUSED OF
HARBORING OR OTHERWISE SUPPORTING TERRORISTS.
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